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STATE OF MONTANA
Invitation for Bid ADDENDUM
IFB NO.130160FIRE
TO BE OPENED: MARCH 8, 2013
TITLE: Portable Toilets & Hand Wash Station Services

ADDENDUM NO. 1

To All Offerors:

Attached are written questions received in response to this IFB. These questions, along with the State's response, become an official amendment to this IFB.

All other terms of the subject "INVITATION FOR BID" are to remain as previously stated.

Acknowledgment of Addendum:

The offeror for this solicitation must acknowledge receipt of this addendum. This page must be submitted at the time set for the proposal opening or the proposal may be disqualified from further consideration.

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 1.	
Signed:	-
Company Name:	_
Date:	
Sincerely,	

Pamela Okon
DNRC Fire & Aviation Management Bureau
Procurement Officer

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1.	15	3.2.1a	Question: Are we required to complete Fireline Safety Refresher Training (RT-130)? Answer: The annual Fireline Safety Refresher Training (RT- 130) is ONLY required if your personnel are staying in camp. This was an oversight in the solicitation.
2.	6	1.5.1	 Question: If we are bidding for portable toilets/wash stations only and are not bidding to lease or rent vehicles to DNRC, do you still need VIN numbers on "each piece of applicable equipment"? Answer: VIN numbers are required if your Handwash station is a mobile/trailer mounted unit.
3.	24	Attachment A	Question: Attachment A, can you please further explain an "unserviced rate"? Answer: In the solicitation under 4.2.3 Unserviced Daily Rate (Page 17), it reads "Daily Rate shall include delivery, daily rental rate per item 4.2, one service prior to demob and 100 miles or less roundtrip from Contractor base to ICP/Delivery location." The unserviced rate was requested for instances like a spike camp that has very few people and does not need to be cleaned/pumped on a daily basis.
4.	45	Attachment E	 Question: Attachment E, at the top of the page it asks for the vendor to insert the agreement number; where do I find this number? Answer: This is a federal attachment that DNRC is helping facilitate. The agreement number will be added once you receive your awarded agreement. You can leave this blank to be added later.

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5.	23	IFB Checklist	Question: IN your IFB Checklist under "Have you Remembered to" the fourth item down asks to mark your mailing envelope or box with the IFB number and the opening date under your return address; what is the opening date? Answer: The opening date is the Solicitation Due Date: March 8, 2013.
6.	25	Attachment	Question: The State has dropped the ten unit minimum from the toilet and sink contract. With the ten unit minimum the contractor was protected from revenue loss of providing one toilet with in a 100 miles with mileage compensation. Last year we experienced this loss with one toilet at the West Glacier Heli Base. The cost of providing one truck and a person to travel to one unit is the same as 40 units. Will the state put the less than 10 unit minimum with mileage back in the contract or should contractors bid as though they will be asked to drive 100 miles for one toilet with no extra compensation. Answer: In coordination with the all the agencies, the State was asked to simplify this solicitation due to administration problems in the field and payment consistency issues from the payment offices. This concern came up from only one vendor last season and will be evaluated this season for potential changes to the 2014 solicitation. Offer prices should include one serviced rate and one unserviced rate.
7.	5	1.4.3	Question: States Response. Could DNRC post questions and answers as they are received. Montana Department of Transportation uses this forum and it is very helpful. As questions are asked and answered they can generate new questions. The forum used now does not allow follow up questions for clarification. The better the understanding before bids are given can head off problems in the field.

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			Answer: DNRC does not post question(s) and Answer(s) as they are received. However, Once the question and answer period is over and IF clarification of the scope of work is still unclear by several bidders, the contracting officer may address the issue/question and create an amendment. (This is strictly done on a case by case)
8.	10	2.3	Question: How does the Resource List work? Answer: The geographic resource list will identify Contractor resources, location and price. The Government ordering official (Dispatch, Local Office, etc.) will consult the geographic resource list when an incident occurs and choose the Contractor closest to the incident, taking Contractor equitability and mobilization costs into consideration. The ordering official will inform the Contractor of the location, quantity required and date and time needed. If that Contractor is unable to meet the requirements, the next closest Contractor will be contacted, etc. The next time the service is required, the same process will be followed, taking in to account location and ensuring equitability among the Contractors. The Government reserves the right to